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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri Chayanam Srinivasa Murthy, P&E Inspector, Kovur and 10 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Nellore District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.423 **Dated:02.05.2023**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.70/RCO-NNL/2012, Dated:05-11-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.49902/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.49902/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:05-06-2013.
4. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extraordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
5. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
6. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8,GA(COI)Dept., dt:17.02.2023.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (fnal report)Lr.Rc.No.70/RCO-NNL/2012,Dated:05-11-2012 (Cr.No.09/RCO-NLR /2012) vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Nellore District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Sri Chayanam Srinivasa Murthy, P&E Inspector, Kovur and (12) other P&E officials and recommended to place on their defense before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their cases to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

2. Whereas, Sri C.Anakaiah, Assistant Excise Superintendent (Retd.) and Sri G.Krishna Rao, Retired Proh. & Excise Inspector have fled writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court for challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated against them by TDP. The Hon'ble High Court has passed orders in the writ petitions. The Government after examining the matter, implemented the orders of Hon'ble High Court and sanctioned pensionery benefits to above said individuals.

3. Where as certain Charged officers including Sri G.Suryanarayana, P&E Inspector and Sri A. Janardhana Rao, P&E Inspector have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court on their charge memos and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

4. And whereas, in the Act 4th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed of by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct off the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice".

5. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP are allotted/transferred the same to the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 5th read above.

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6. Accordingly, the above cases of Sri Chayanam Srinivasa Murthy, P&E Inspector, Kovur and (12) other P&E officials, Nellore District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide 6th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the remaining charged officers given below, on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Nellore District:

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designatio	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	Chayanam Srinivasa Murthy	P&E Inspector	Kovur	3	444/2013
2	Kondeti Koteshwara Rao	P&E Inspector	Nellore-1	4	445/2013
3	Nimmagadda Veera Vasantha Rao	P&E Inspector	Nellore-1	5	446/2013
4	Sathupathi Ravi Kumar	P&E Inspector	Sullurpet	6	447/2013
5	Asanapuram Janardhana Rao	P&E Inspector	Kovali	7	448/2013
6	K.Srinivasa Rao	P&E Inspector	Vinjmur	9	450/2013
7	RUVS Prasad	P&E Inspector	Venkatagiri	10	451/2013
8	Gadde Suryanarayana	P&E Inspector	Naldupet	11	452/2013
9	Arava Rathnam	P&E Inspector	Vakadu	12	453/2013
10	R.Hanumantha Rao	P&E Inspector	Rapur	14	454/2013
11	Varada Srinivasulu	P&E Inspector	Udayagiri	16	456/2013

8. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 7 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Nellore District and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the inquiry report to the Government within 4 months (Keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi
(with enclosures i.e the record of the case which received from the TDP).

Copy to:
Sri Chayanam Srinivasa Murthy, P&E Inspector, Kovur and 10 other P&E officials, Nellore District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velgapudu, Guntur District.
The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi
Sri V.V.S.R Krishna Reddy, Advocate & Presenting Officer
SF /SC.

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SECTION OFFICER